Volunteers Needed for a Second Effort to Clean Buses, Trains

(Oct. 29, 2003) Following a successful weekend that left 500 buses and rail cars looking like new, MTA is again seeking volunteers to clean transit vehicles this coming Saturday and Sunday.

"The sector general managers and division maintenance managers were very pleased with the pride and dedication displayed by the many volunteers," said Alex Clifford, managing director, Operations.

Volunteers will be needed, this weekend, at the Metro Red Line yard and at divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 18. The deadline for weekend volunteers is mid-day, Thursday, Oct. 30.

Sign-up form

Volunteers must complete and return the linked form to Renee Willis by mid-day, Thursday, Oct. 30. In order to ensure there is adequate allocation of volunteers across the various divisions, volunteers should indicate three preferred assignments.

• Click here to download 'weekend assignment' excel report.

Want to volunteer to help get Metro Buses and Trains ready for when the strike ends? Here are the details:

Volunteer Pay:

Paid overtime will be limited to pay grade P and below. Exempt employees will be paid straight time for overtime hours (payroll earn code OSK), and Non-Exempt employees will be paid time and a half for overtime hours (payroll earn code OTP).

Your overtime hours at the Division will be reported on your regular timesheet and charged to Project 300006, Task 02.04 (If you have a regular work assignment on Saturday and/or Sunday, you will not be able to volunteer for this assignment).

Keep in mind that you qualify for overtime if you have worked 40 hours this week as of Friday, October 31st for Saturday's OT work, and plan to work 40 hours next week for Sunday's OT work, inclusive of Time Off With Pay.

Intern Volunteers:

Interns may volunteer provided they meet the following criteria:

- Interns must obtain the permission of their immediate supervisor prior to volunteering
- · Interns cannot work overtime
- Hours worked will be paid as straight time
- Interns can work Saturday and/or Sunday, provided the total hours per week, Sunday through Saturday, does not exceed 40 hours, inclusive of the volunteered hours.

Plan To Get Dirty:

Please expect to get dirty, so dress appropriately (long pants), but for safety reasons, please wear closed-toe and closed-back shoes with a rubberized or non-slip sole, such as tennis shoes, running shoes or safety shoes. Consider a hat or baseball cap, in case you work outside the bus in direct sun light.

You must wear a safety vest during your work assignment. All Divisions will provide you the safety vest. If required, the Division will provide all other safety wear, such as gloves and eyewear.

First Come, First Served:

Assignments will be allocated on a "first come, first served basis." Please feel free to volunteer for one or both days, but we do request that you complete a full eight hours of service for the day or days you volunteer. All assignments will start at 8:00 a.m. at each location (Division addresses will be provided with the assignment sheet).

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